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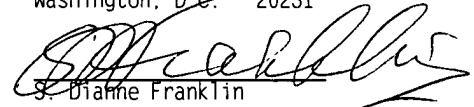
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Submitted herewith are:

- (1) Copy of a communication (Office Action) issued from a foreign patent office in a counterpart International application;
- (2) Copies of the cited publications;
- (3) Form PTO-1449. It is requested that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned to indicate that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record;
- (4) A Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(d)(2)); and
- (5) Petition fee (check in the amount of \$130.00).

Authorization is given to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this matter, or to credit any overpayment, to Account No. 06-1378.

The cited document EP-A-0 657 745 is in French.
USP 5,578,927 is related thereto.

Document WO 98/32181 A listed on Separate Sheet 2 of the Written Opinion is the PCT publication number for the International Application upon which the present application is based.

Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention in view of the citation thereof in said communication and for the reasons stated in said communication.

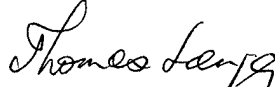
Said communication is in English, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in said communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement: said communication bears a mailing date of April 19, 2000. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e).

In view of the foregoing, and in view of the documents submitted herewith, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the publications submitted herewith and make them of record. It is respectfully submitted that all of the applicable requirements of new 37 CFR 1.97 have been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,



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